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Dear Daphne,

I have deferred answering your July query (relayed through Murray Simons) hoping that I would be able to provide some useful guidance on the citation problem. Unfortunately, the movement of bureaucracies on such matters is often even less than glacial. The series has yet to find an adoptive parent who can circulate freely in polite, or at least academic society (in which politeness, alas, is now much out of fashion). In the absence of any definitive decision, may I suggest a resort to the sort of semantic muddle which can mean different things to different audiences that used to be a hallmark of the opaque prose of His/Her Majesty's Foreign Office when HMG had not yet made up its mind (i.e., the Grey gambit). You can, of course, always cite by document title. If pressed further, you can say that these documents are part of an as yet unpublished series assembled under U.S. Government auspices. If Mr. Duncanson is rude enough to press further, you can say all of them originally came from CDEC, and that the series is being put together under State's aegis with inputs from several U.S. Government components. I devoutly hope that by the time you have to show your work to the Ford Foundation, the series will be in open circulation or at least on the verge of public distribution.

As for your specific query on the 1963 resolution, you are actually talking about two similar but different documents. The one captured in Phuoc Long in April 1969, and included in our series, is an incomplete text of the Politburo's November 1963 resolution. The other -- VND 96, also included in our series with an improved translation -- is the full text of the Central Committee's resolution on the same subject, issued in December 1963 (i.e., one month later).

I hope the work goes well. Ruth joins me in sending warmest regards. We look forward to seeing you when you next grace these shores and hearing, among other things, about the conduct of diplomacy in yurts.

As ever,

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